



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIEDMONT COUNCIL 939

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I had the privilege of attending the Eucharistic Congress held in Charlotte just a few days ago. Experiencing the unity and diversity of the local church is awe inspiring. Amongst the impactful prayer and several talks, one section of Pete Burek's talk hit home. Speaking on mission and community, Burek emphasized that without mission, community becomes self-referential and toxic. By joining in community, both early and in the Eucharist, we are given the strength needed to go out on mission. How good it is that we are bound together in fraternity as Knights! Yes, we have community, and fellowship (last month's baseball game was wonderful). But even more, yes, we have mission – we make visible the church, effecting the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, praying for the dead, feeding the hungry and supporting the material needs of our church. In this month, let's be sure to pray for each other and find ways to grow in active charity!

Mark Stepnowski

Grand Knight

COUNCIL NEWS

Please remember the Simpson family in your prayers. Jim's son, Ben, died last week. A requiem mass for him was held August 30th. It was wonderful to see so many members of the council there to pray alongside the family.

Over the past several months, we have been praying for John Polickoski. He died last week, two days shy of his ninetieth birthday. A visitation for him will be held September 20th, with a funeral September 21st. Details for both events are later in this newsletter. Please continue to pray for John's soul and his family.

On a more procedural note, the council is in need of a man to coordinate our efforts to advocate for the cause of life. If you are this man, please step up!

The 4th degree of the Knights of Columbus is the patriotic degree. I had the privilege of attending an exemplification two years ago, and can testify as to its meaning and impact. The next exemplification is October 12th, in Raleigh. If you're interested in becoming a 4th degree Knight, please consider joining! You can learn more by contacting the Faithful Navigator of the assembly we are affiliated with, David Weise, at dweise50@gmail.com

AUGUST IN REVIEW

Many of us enjoyed a wonderful baseball game August 24th, alongside parishioners at Our Lady of Grace. Fr. Coleman threw out the first pitch, we enjoyed the national anthem sung by St. Pius X's school choir, and we had a win for the Grashoppers!



Upcoming ACTIVITIES

September 3rd, at 7 PM: Officer's and Director's meeting. Our Lady of Grace PLC Executive Conference Room

September 14th, 8:30 am: Street Cleanup. Meet at 3301 Battleground Ave for breakfast before joining in our semi-annual cleanup of Westridge Road

September 16th, at 7:30 PM: Council Meeting, at Our Lady of Grace, in the parish life center banquet hall

September 20th, 6:30 PM: Visitation for John Polickoski, at Hanes Lineberry funeral home, 515 N Elm St.

September 21st, 10:30 am: Mass of Christian Burial for John Polickoski, at Our Lady of Grace

September 22nd: "Sign-up Sunday" at Our Lady of Grace. Members of the council who are parishioners at Our Lady of Grace are asked to be ready and willing to answer questions about the Knights following each Sunday mass. Anyone with extra time is invited to help provide coffee and clean – let the Grand Knight know if you can help with that part.

October 6th: "Donut Sunday", also at Our Lady of Grace – we will help build a sense of community following morning masses at this parish by serving donuts and coffee. This special event will include a welcome for Fr. Elliott Suttle. Please lend a hand

A few other events are approaching, which aren't yet fully scheduled. We hope to help with some maintenance at OLG in the coming weeks, and are organizing a large dinner to support our charitable works in October. Please stay posted for more details!

RECRUITING OPPORTUNITIES:

Whenever and wherever a Knights of Columbus meets a practicing Catholic man, eighteen years of age or older, there is an opportunity for recruiting a new Knights of Columbus. Wear your K of C nametag proudly, never reluctantly, and advertise for the Council.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Brother Knights: Our council has open positions that need to be filled. Please discern and ask the Lord if any of these opportunities would be right for you.

- 1. LAMB DIRECTOR:** Coordinates the LAMB (Least Among My Brethren) programs. LAMB is involved with helping those with intellectual disabilities. In years past, we have raised money for the special education programs at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, but the director is free to choose any applicable cause. The director will facilitate fundraising, volunteering, and disbursement of funds for these activities.
- 2. LIFE DIRECTOR:** Organize events, fundraisers, and prayer to promote the cause of life, with particular attention to the unborn.

For further information or to volunteer please contact me:

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WIDOWS PROGRAM:

We do not forget the widows of our fallen Brother Knights. Widows are invited to Council 939 social events as our guests.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Please share prayer requests with the Grand Knight at 336-875-2275. We apologize to anyone overlooked in this newsletter. If anyone has recovered from illness, please inform the Grand Knight so that the good news can be shared with the council. Thank you for your help!

Please keep the following in your prayers

<p>John Polickoski and family – repose of his soul.</p>	<p>Morrison Family – death of Richard</p>	<p>Dcn. Larry Lisk Joyce Family</p>
<p>Barbara Ovittore-Kemp – surgery 9/5</p>	<p>Chapman Family – death of daughter</p>	<p>Jim Keaney, Sr. Lawrene Kirwan</p>
<p>Msgr. Anthony Marcaccio (former Pastor, St. Pius X Parish and former KofC State Chaplain) – repose of his soul</p>	<p>Plocki Family – death of Olga (widow of Arthur)</p>	<p>Roy Berninger Brian Dubicki</p>
<p>Michael Busch – Recovery from surgery</p>	<p>Marzullo Family – death of Peter</p>	<p>Bob Englert Antionette Cerrito</p>
<p>Cynthis Perry – Recovery from surgery</p>	<p>Wachter Family – death of Mike</p>	<p>Lysiak Family Edwards Family</p>
<p>Nicolas D’Amelio & Family – birth of daughter Rosamund</p>	<p>Chris Frank – death of mother, father undergoing cancer treatment</p>	<p>Fr. David Hyman Ben Malikowski</p>
<p>Joyce Family – wife Janine recovering from surgery</p>	<p>Eastwood Family – death of Mary (widow of Bill)</p>	<p>Eveland Family Grabasky Family – death of Bob</p>
<p>Brandon Melchiorre – father to a healthy daughter</p>	<p>Lyle Family – death of Lura (widow of John)</p>	<p>Dcn. Rohan Family – death of Dcn. Tim</p>
<p>Jack Kealey – Repose of Soul</p>	<p>Flanagan Family – death of Bob Jerry & Sylvia Byrd</p>	<p>Brian Garrett Parker Hahn</p>
<p>John Polickoski – in hospital</p>	<p>Fr. Joseph Wasswa – death of father (Henry Wasswa)</p>	
<p>Tom Thompson – poor health, in need of calls and emails</p>	<p>Bishop Emeritus Peter Jugis – poor health</p>	

Names in red indicate a new entry from the past month; we remember the death of our brothers and family members for one year in this list.

Barbara Ovittore-Kemp shares the good news that she has recovered from cancer.